



BOOK AN Adventure



2025 Children's Book Week®
16–23 August

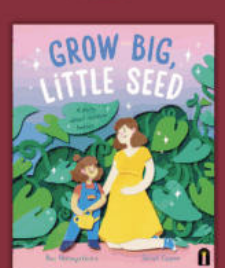
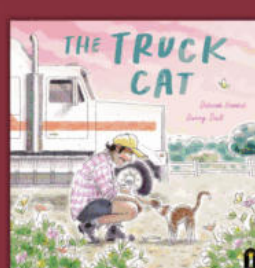
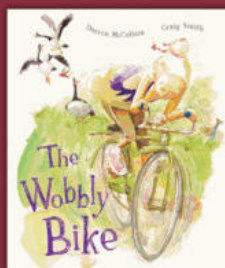
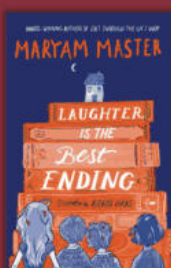
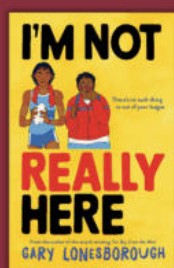
DCS celebrated Book Week in style in 2025, with visits to the local library and St. Michael's, our Book Parade and lunch on the lawn with family and friends. We had some fabulously creative costumes, from the staff almost covering the entire Mr Men series, smurfs, Cats in Hats and so much more. The list of costume awards is outlined later in the newsletter, and there were so many fabulous outfits that we had to include a couple of extra pages of photos in this newsletter. Thank you to all the DCS family and friends who joined us on the day, and to those amazing people in every Home Costume Department for helping our Infants and Primary students get immersed in Book Week this year.



2025 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS – WINNERS



How many have you read??





Welcome to Week 6, Term 3!

Subject Selection Evenings: Last week we held a successful subject selection evening for students going into Year 11 next year and their parents. The subject selection process was explained, and both students and their families were given the opportunity to ask questions in advance of them making their subject choices. We will be holding a similar evening tomorrow (Wednesday, 27th August from 5.30pm) for students going into Year 9 next year.

Book Week: Thank you to the families and friends who joined the Infants and Primary last week for the annual Book Week Parade. There were some amazing costumes as always, and the Best Dressed awards were hotly contested.

Mr O'Brien's farewell: We will be holding a dinner for Vince O'Brien's retirement on Tuesday, 23rd September from 6pm at the Dunedoo Sports Club. Please refer to the invitation further in the newsletter. All DCS families and friends are welcome—we would love you to join with us to commemorate Mr O'Brien's 35 years of teaching at DCS.

Attendance: Our goal for this term is to have zero unexplained absences. An unexplained absence is one where a student does not attend school, and an explanation for this non attendance has not been provided. Parents and carers are required to provide an explanation for any absence within 7 days. Phoning the Front Office, using the Parent Portal or responding to an absentee text are all ways to notify the school.

Captains: We are excited to profile the four Year 11 candidates for the 2026 School Captain role: Chloe Brougham, Paige Campbell, Fletcher Hogden and Asha Russell. Their Captain Questionnaires have been provided in this newsletter, and I encourage you to read through the achievements and aspirations of our school's leaders for next year. The students self nominate for this process and the next step is to speak to the staff and student body on Monday 15th September to outline why they would make a good school captain. After the speeches, students from Years 2-11 and staff cast their votes. The 2026 School Captains will be announced at the Week 10 Merit Assembly and their first official role will be to host the Year 12 Farewell Assembly on Thursday, 26th September.

Mufti days: This Thursday we are supporting Flanno for a Farmer: a fundraising initiative by Farm Angels who provide financial and emotional assistance, care packs and personalised support to thousands of farming families across Australia every year. For a gold coin donation students and staff may come wearing a flanno or other work shirt. On Friday, we are encouraging students to come to school wearing green and white to support the Dunedoo Swannettes League Tag Team in their bid to win this weekend's Grand Final. No donation is required.

Have a great week!

Mrs Cathy Gallagher





Dates for your Diary

TERM 3 WEEK 6

Wednesday, 27th August

- TAFE NSW "Yes" Program
- Year 8 into Year 9 Transition Evening—5.30pm in library

Thursday, 28th August

- "Flanno for a farmer" mufti day fundraiser



Friday, 29th August

- PSSA District Athletics Carnival—Dubbo

TERM 3 WEEK 7

Monday, 1st September

- TAFE NSW "Yes" Program

Tuesday, 2nd September

- Central Schools Finals—16s Touch Football

Wednesday, 3rd September

- Central Schools Finals—Open Touch Football

Thursday, 4th September

- Central Schools Finals—16s League

Friday, 5th September

- Central Schools Finals—Open Netball

TERM 3 WEEK 8

Monday, 8th September

- TAFE NSW "Yes" Program

Tuesday, 9th September

- TAFE NSW "Yes" Program
- DCS Public Speaking Finals
- Primary Touch Gala Day—Mudgee

Wednesday, 10th—Friday, 12th September

- NSWCHS Athletics—Sydney Athletics Centre
- SRC Movie Night—TBC

Thursday, 11th September

- Green Day—Year 5/6

Friday, 12th September

- Donna Lane Squash Shield—Parkes

Dates for your Diary

TERM 3 WEEK 9

Monday, 15th September

- Captains' Speeches

Wednesday, 17th September

- Vaccination program catch-up—from 11am

Thursday, 18th September

- TAFE NSW "Yes" Program
- P&C Meeting—6.30pm, Sports Club. All welcome!

Friday, 19th September

- Western Region PSSA Athletics Carnival—Dubbo

TERM 3 WEEK 10

All week: Dental van

Monday, 22nd September

- Whole School Merit Assembly—11am, all welcome!

Tuesday, 23rd —Thursday, 25th September

- Year 5/6 Excursion to Sydney

Wednesday, 24th September

- Year 12 Muck-Up Day

Thursday, 25th September

- Year 12 Graduation Breakfast
- Year 12 Graduation Assembly
- Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Friday, 26th September

- Last day of Term 3!



TERM 4 WEEK 1

All week: Dental van

Monday, 13th October

- Staff Development Day (no students)

Tuesday, 14th October

- Students return for Term 4



YEAR 3/4 NEWSLETTER

WITH MR KLINE

CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH JAPAN!

Last week we had a Zoom with two schools in Japan. Following our study of Japan through the text 'Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes', this was a wonderful experience to communicate with our Asian neighbours. The students asked each other questions and we even participated in some sumo squats!



PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE REGIONAL FINAL

Can you spell photon, isosceles or diagnosis?! These are just some of the words that Sam Russell and Angus Roberts had to spell when they participated in the Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Final last week. The boys did an amazing job finishing in the top 10 of their respective age groups!



FRIDAY SPORT – LAWN BOWLS!

A big thank you to the Dunedoo Bowling Club, and especially Sue & John Smith, for allowing us to hone our lawn bowling skills over the last two weeks for Friday Sport. It was lots of fun!



BOOK WEEK!



Book Week was a huge success! We had a visit to the Town Library and an excellent school parade. Well done to everyone for their amazing costumes!



Agriculture update

...with Mrs Mayes

Ag Update

Our HY Angus steer is coming along nicely and is on track for the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. In addition, we are excited to welcome another steer to the DCS team donated by Brian & Pam Bowman. Keep an eye out for our Ag Team 100 Club downtown to help raise funds for both Scone and a Shearing School that will commence in Term 4.

We have been harvesting some beautiful broccolini from the Ag Plot and check out our purple cauliflower!



Flanno for a Farmer

On Thursday we are hosting *Flanno for a Farmer* day at DCS where students are encouraged to wear a flanno or appropriate work shirt (eg RB Sellers) and make a gold coin donation to assist farmers in need. *Farm Angels* provide financial and emotional assistance, care packs and personalised support to thousands of farming families across Australia every year. Parents and friends are also welcome to make a contribution by scanning the QR code!



Sport a Flanno. Support a Farmer.

Donate now. Every dollar helps.

flannoforafarmer.com.au

Dunedoo Central School
Thursday 28th August
Gold Coin Donation





Careers update

...with Mrs Mayes

Careers Update

On Tuesday 26th August students in Years 9-11 had the opportunity to listen to a guest speaker from MAS National on apprenticeship support services available to both full time and school-based apprentices/trainees.



- APPRENTICESHIPS
- EMPLOYMENT
- SUPPORT

External VET Provision (EVET) - EOI Forms DUE Monday 1st September

Year 10 students must complete an EVET EOI form for any course they are wanting to study externally in 2026. A signed Expressions of Interest (EOI) form for EVET courses must be returned to the school by Monday 1st September. This course/subject can then be added to the students' subject selection for Year 11 in 2026. Forms have been emailed to students, and they should see Mrs Mayes for available course information.

TAFE NSW Yes Program

Year 9 and 10 students have the exciting opportunity to participate in a 5 week YES (Youth Engagement Strategy) Program with TAFE NSW where they will experience target areas of interest. Students will be encouraged to develop confidence in their ability and desire to learn, along with new knowledge about TAFE NSW and the courses it can offer.

Date	Interest Area	Location
Wednesday 27 th August	Foundation Skills Intro Hair and Beauty	Dunedoo TAFE
Monday 1 st September	Community Services	Dunedoo TAFE
Monday 8 th September	Automotive*	Dubbo TAFE FREE BBQ lunch provided
Tuesday 9 th September	Construction*	Dunedoo TAFE
Thursday 18 th September	Metal Fabrication*	Dubbo TAFE

Students are to wear school uniform for the first 2 weeks

* Students are to wear steel cap boots, long sleeve shirts and pants

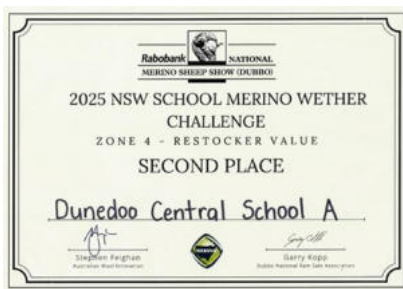


NSW School Merino Wether Challenge

A big congratulations to the 7 Ag students who represented our school at the NSW School Merino Wether Challenge in Dubbo in Week 4. DCS, along with 76 other schools, participated in this year's challenge, working with the sheep for 6 months prepping for this main event.

The sheep were delivered to Dubbo Showground on Monday afternoon.

On the first day, DCS Team A was awarded 2nd place in Zone 4 - Best Presented in Wool - Restocker value. With over 450 lambs at the show, divided into 4 zones, this was a fantastic result!



Throughout the day students attended various workshops including scanning, wool handling, careers, young judges and a Fletchers presentation. They also had time to explore various industry stall holders and view the Rabobank National Ram Show and Sale.

On the second day, our Team A were awarded a 3rd place in Zone 4 – Best Presented out of Wool. Students also participated in workshops on sheep dogs, fleece and competed in the Farmer's Challenge.



A huge thank you to parent volunteer Jen Baker for joining us overnight in Dubbo; our Ag assistant Ged Turnbull for his time and effort in the program; Delta Dunedoo for sponsoring our team with caps; and Mrs Mayes' husband Liam, for helping out with feed.



CHLOE BROUGHAM

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE SCHOOL CAPTAIN OF DCS?

I would like to be school captain because I think it is a great opportunity and experience to help create positive changes within the school and community, to represent the school proudly and provide support to all students from K-12, and to grow my leadership skills.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SCHOOL CAPTAIN? HOW WOULD YOU ENSURE YOU MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE AND PROMINENT ROLE?

I feel as though the main responsibility is to be a good role model for younger students and represent the school in a respectable manner. I would do this by always being approachable and available for students and teachers and also by involving myself in all school activities including assemblies, sporting days, whole schools staffing days, the production etc.

WHAT QUALITIES CAN YOU BRING TO DCS AS A SCHOOL CAPTAIN?

I believe that I have many positive qualities that I think are important as a school captain, like being friendly, kind, approachable, proactive, positive, caring, responsible, ethical, and lots more.

WHAT DO YOU THINK DCS HAS TO OFFER? HOW COULD YOU ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES?

DCS is a great school that has a lot to offer for its small, rural location. The teachers are highly qualified and can help students within many different areas of education. DCS has an awesome sporting program, with many students participating in sporting opportunities at high levels. DCS is also proud of their art abilities, promoting creativity and diversity within our school. I would encourage all students to take all opportunities presented to them by promoting participation and trying something new.

WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO DCS IN RECENT YEARS?

Over the years I have made many, many contributions to DCS. This includes events like school discos, fundraising events, school sporting teams and also at Western and State levels, catering and waitressing for Art Unlimited, P & C White Lunch, Yr 12 graduation, seniors luncheon and assisting with Art for Youth.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I would be very honored to be the school captain at Dunedoo Central School as I believe I would do well in this position as I am a good role model for younger students and have a friendly and kind personality.



PAIGE CAMPBELL

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE SCHOOL CAPTAIN OF DCS?

I would be genuinely honoured to serve as school captain and would wear the title with pride. This role means more to me than just a badge or a title; it's a chance to give back to our school community, to encourage others, and to grow as a person. I've seen how previous school captains have developed new skills, gained confidence, and inspired others, both at school and as they moved on to university. I hope to follow in their footsteps, using this experience to become a better leader and to help shape my path towards a future career as a doctor in oncology.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SCHOOL CAPTAIN? HOW WOULD YOU ENSURE YOU MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE AND PROMINENT ROLE?

As school captain, I believe my responsibilities would include representing the student body, setting a positive example, and helping to create an inclusive and supportive school environment. I would also support and organise school events, communicate students' ideas and concerns to teachers and staff, and encourage everyone to get involved in school activities.

Most importantly, I'd maintain an active and prominent role. I would regularly participate in school events, listen to my peers suggestions, and I would work closely with both staff and students. I would make sure that I am approachable, organised, and ready to assist others at all times.

WHAT QUALITIES CAN YOU BRING TO DCS AS A SCHOOL CAPTAIN?

What do you think would be the best qualities that a school captain should have? The four main qualities I possess are time efficiency, leadership, trustworthiness, and a positive attitude. Let me expand on this. A school captain needs to inspire and guide others, effectively manage time ensuring that their academic, extracurricular, and captain duties are all balanced, be reliable and honest, maintain optimism, motivate others and help create a supportive school environment. I can assure you I am very capable of this and would wear the captain's uniform with pride at every chance I would get.

WHAT DO YOU THINK DCS HAS TO OFFER? HOW COULD YOU ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES?

DCS has many things to offer in various areas, including sports, visual arts, and more. I'd suggest you keep our school motto, 'Our Best Always,' in mind, because if you strive for excellence in every opportunity this school offers, then you will definitely go places.

WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO DCS IN RECENT YEARS?

My most recent contribution was entering my art piece into the Children's Art for Youth competition, where it advanced to the exhibition in Mudgee. I also proudly represent Dunedoo in Moorambilla Voices every year. It's a multi-arts program for children in remote and regional NSW. As part of this, I participated in the 2024 recording of Moorambilla's Taiko short film, which is featured on their website. However, my favorite achievement was serving as the goalie for our school's women's soccer team last year.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Another quality I bring is a strong, clear voice, which means I can confidently address large groups and ensure everyone, even those in the back rows, can hear important announcements during assemblies and events. In other words, I am very loud.



FLETCHER HOGDEN

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE SCHOOL CAPTAIN OF DCS?

I want to be captain of DCS because I see it as an opportunity to give back to the school and community that has given me so much. I want to represent the students and show that anyone can lead with consistency, respect, and a willingness to learn. I believe I can be a reliable and approachable captain that gets along with everyone.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SCHOOL CAPTAIN? HOW WOULD YOU ENSURE YOU MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE AND PROMINENT ROLE?

Being a school captain comes with important responsibilities like setting a positive example, supporting fellow students, helping to organise events, and being a voice for students. I would take the role seriously by being dependable, approachable, and respectful to everyone.

WHAT QUALITIES CAN YOU BRING TO DCS AS A SCHOOL CAPTAIN?

As school captain, I would bring qualities like integrity and reliability, with a strong work ethic, while being genuine. I'm approachable and easy to talk to, which I believe is important in making everyone feel heard and included. I would also lead by example, by showing respect, staying consistent, and doing my best in everything I take on.

WHAT DO YOU THINK DCS HAS TO OFFER? HOW COULD YOU ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES?

DCS offers a wide range of opportunities that are there to include and help create a fun environment for everyone. For example productions, whole school staffing days, sporting carnivals before even leaving the school. As captain, I'd encourage others to take advantage of these opportunities by leading by example. Showing that being involved in school events, taking on leadership roles, or simply participating in sporting carnivals are places that you can just have fun.

WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO DCS IN RECENT YEARS?

Throughout my time at DCS, I've always made it a point to stay involved and help out wherever I can. These contributions include SRC representatives, always participating in sporting teams and events, school discos, and trying to form relationships with all students.



ASHA RUSSELL

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE SCHOOL CAPTAIN OF DCS?

I want to be School Captain of Dunedoo Central School because I am passionate about representing our students and making a positive difference in our school community. I have attended DCS for all of my schooling and have been very lucky in all the opportunities I have been given academically and sporting. I would like to help create an environment where every student feels supported, valued, and motivated to do their best always. I want to encourage all students to do their best because when you do your best at DCS you never know what amazing opportunities will come your way.

As captain, I would take pride in representing Dunedoo Central at events, working with the SRC to organise activities, and build school spirit. Most importantly, I want to give back to the school that has given me so many opportunities by helping to make it the best place it can be for everyone.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SCHOOL CAPTAIN? HOW WOULD YOU ENSURE YOU MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE AND PROMINENT ROLE?

I see the responsibilities of a School Captain as being a role model, representing the school with pride, always wearing full school uniform and acting as a voice for the student body. A captain should help build a positive school culture, encourage participation in events and support both students and teachers. It's also about showing leadership through actions every day.

WHAT QUALITIES CAN YOU BRING TO DCS AS A SCHOOL CAPTAIN?

As a School Captain, I would bring qualities of responsibility, teamwork, and positivity to Dunedoo Central. I am approachable and supportive, which means students can feel comfortable coming to me with their ideas or concerns. I am also motivated and organised, which helps me balance schoolwork with leadership roles and stay committed to my responsibilities.

Another quality I bring is school pride: I genuinely want to see our school succeed and become the best it can be. I believe my determination, communication skills, and willingness to lead by example would make me a strong representative of both the students and the school.

WHAT DO YOU THINK DCS HAS TO OFFER? HOW COULD YOU ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES?

I have been lucky enough to have been given many opportunities at Dunedoo Central that have shaped me into the person I am today. Representing our SRC, captains, sports teams, community events and Lions Youth of the Year has taken me out of my comfort zone and helped me to gain confidence and skills. I think Dunedoo Central School has so much to offer, from quality learning opportunities in the classroom to a wide range of sports and community events. Being a smaller school also means students get to know their teachers and peers closely, creating a supportive environment where everyone has the chance to be involved and succeed.

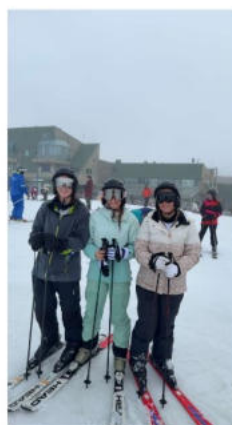
To encourage others to make the most of these opportunities, I would lead by example, participating in school activities, showing enthusiasm, and encouraging my peers to step outside their comfort zones. I would remind students that every experience, whether it's in sport, or academics, helps build skills for the future and creates memories to be proud of. If you don't get the mark or award you were hoping for, no dramas, learn from it and have another go, it's all a learning experience.

WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE YOU MADE TO DCS IN RECENT YEARS?

I have helped at Discos, Art Unlimited events, Yr 12 graduations. I've assisted at whole school merit assemblies when the captains were not available, I have also represented the school on Remembrance Day at the cenotaph and karkhama house. I have helped referee at Central Schools Netball and also at Peachey Richardson shield gala days. If I have been asked to assist with anything, I've been more than happy to help out. DCS is a great team and we are all working together to make it a great place for everyone.



YR 11 *Snow trip*



From the 11th–15th of August, Year 11 enjoyed an unforgettable week away on their Snow Trip. Students stayed at the Snowy Mountains Inn in Berridale and spent their days skiing at Perisher. Miss Smith and Mrs Lane accompanied the group, and everyone had a fantastic time learning new skills on the slopes and making lasting memories.

A huge thank you goes to all those who supported our fundraising efforts, which made this trip possible. To give readers an idea of how vital the fundraising efforts are, the personal contribution of each student was \$480.

A lift ticket alone for 3 days is \$700 per person, and lessons, food, accommodation and transport are in addition. This shows just how heavily we rely on the generosity of external contributions; more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the cost is subsidised. In particular, we would like to acknowledge Squadron Energy for their generous donation to cover our transport and fuel, Dunedoo Junior and Senior Rugby League for allowing us to fundraise in their canteens,

Coolah Central School for bus hire, Linden and Jim Ewin for providing a trailer, Toni Dwyer for countless 100 clubs and the Dunedoo Sports Club for running their upcoming End of Month Raffle on August 29th. We are also very grateful to those who donated prizes to our raffle, including Jake Harbison and L.A. Johnstone for loads of firewood, the Ewin/Russell family for a Baby Weber, and Ged Turnbull for a wall hanging. Thank you as well to those who helped in the canteen and to Maree O'Brien for her help behind the scenes.

This trip would not have been possible without the ongoing support of our school and wider community—thank you!


**SQUADRON
ENERGY**



Yr 11 Snow Trip

SPORTS CLUB END OF MONTH RAFFLES

29 AUGUST 2025

The proceeds from this month's raffle will be donated to Dunedoo Central School to assist with fundraising for the Year 11 Snow Trip.

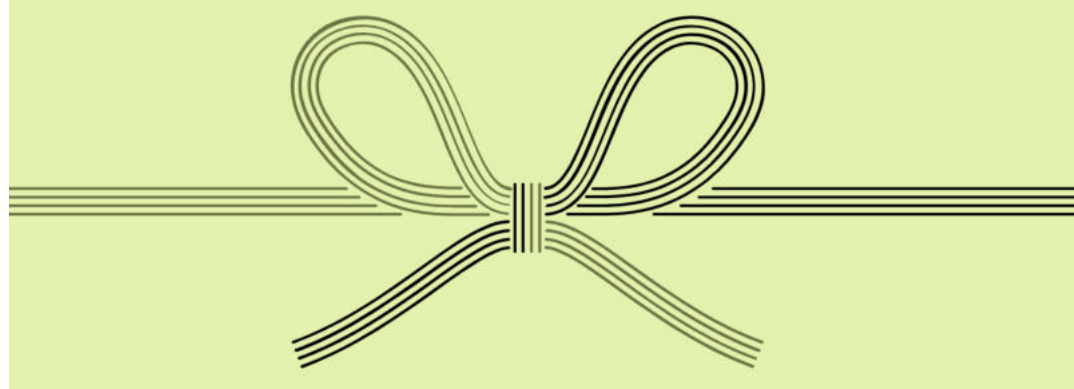
SEE YOU THERE!

Yr 6 Father's Day Fundraiser Stall

WEEK SEVEN, 1ST-5TH SEPTEMBER
2ND HALF LUNCH IN THE LIBRARY

GIFTS FROM \$1 - \$10

FUNDS RAISED WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE YEAR 6 GRADUATION





VINCE'S RETIREMENT

School's
Out...
Forever!



35
Years at
DCS

23 SEPTEMBER
6:00PM

DUNEDOO SPORTS CLUB
CHINESE SMORGASBOARD - \$25/PERSON

RSVP TO DCS FRONT OFFICE: 6375 1489
BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12

ALL WELCOME



BOOK WEEK PHOTOS





BOOK WEEK PHOTOS

CONT...





Book Week

Best Dressed Awards

Winners	Runner Up	Highly Commended
Kinder: Elliot Watson	Kinder: Hamish Mayes	Kinder: Emily Barwick
Year 1: Madaline Kschischan	Year 1: Josie Little	Year 1: Jock Redding
Year 2: Fletcher Harby	Year 2: Sophie Barwick	Year 2: Delilah Schrader
Year 3: Marnie Roberts	Year 3: Eli Little	Year 3: Angus Kline
Year 4: Archie Sawyer	Year 4: Joe Harby	Year 4: Stevie Ryan
Year 5: Balin Davis	Year 5: Jed Gallagher	Year 5: Seanna Brown
Year 6: Noah Davis-Wilson	Year 6: Ashton James	Year 6: Mia Coe

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Book Week Celebrations!

DUNEDOO CENTRAL SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE SPOTLIGHT K - 6
WEEKS 4 & 5 TERM 3 2025



WEEK 4 & WEEK 5

UPDATE

Let's work together to achieve our attendance goal for this week.
If your child is absent, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Year	K/1	2	3/4	5/6
Weeks 4&5 %	76.1%	86.2%	93.1%	93.2%



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2025 School Fees

Kinder to Yr. 6	\$40.00
Year's 7 to 10	\$70.00
Year's 11 & 12	\$90.00
Year 7/8 TAS	\$30.00
Year 9/10 Textiles & Design	\$35.00
Year 11 Textiles & Design	\$35.00
Year 9/10 Industrial Tech.	\$60.00
Year 11 Industrial Tech.	\$70.00
Year 12 Industrial Tech.	\$50.00
Food Technology (paid weekly)	\$5.00

Invoices will distributed in the coming weeks



I'm wearing a flanno so a farmer doesn't have to wear the burden alone.

Donate now. Every dollar helps.

flannoforafarmer.com.au

Whole School Fundraiser
Thursday, 28th August
Wear a flanno to school
& make a gold coin donation to help Aussie farmers.



If you would like to make a separate donation, please scan the QR code.

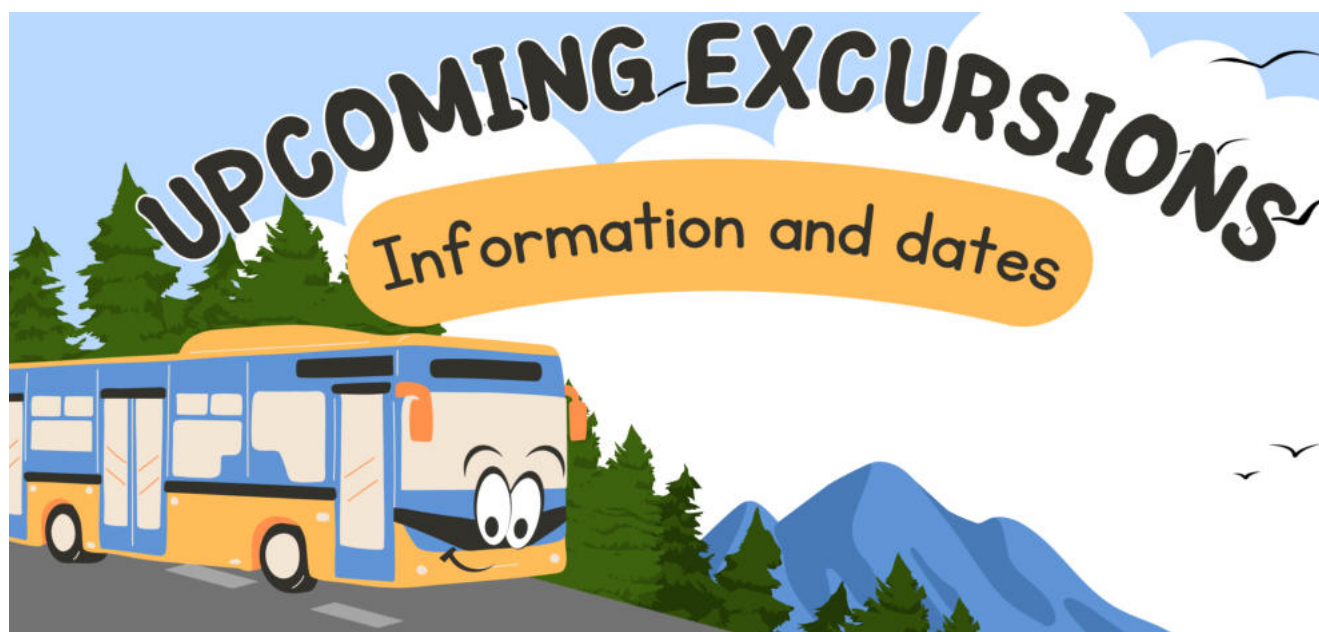


SWANETTES DAY

MUFTI DAY

FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

SUPPORT THE SWANETTES IN THEIR UPCOMING
GRAND FINAL BY WEARING GREEN AND WHITE TO
SCHOOL *no gold coin donation required



Year 5/6 Excursion

Date: 23rd September — 25th September 2025 (Term 3, Week 10)

Visting: Sydney/Blue Mountains: Scenic Railway, Opera House, Sea Life Aquarium,
Darling Harbour, Taronga Zoo, Maritime Museum, Manly Ferry Ride, Harbour Bridge
Walk.

Cost: \$350

Year 3/4 Excursion

Date: 22nd October—24th October 2025 (Term 4, Week 2)

Visting: Sport & Rec. Camp @ Lake Burrendong

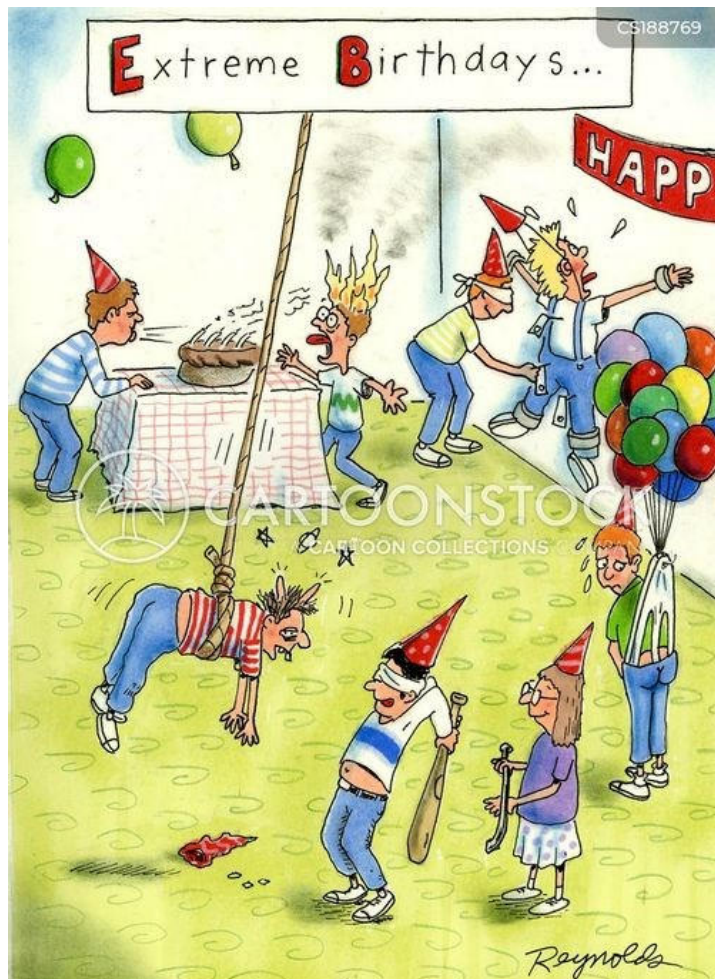
Cost: \$350

Infants Excursion

Date: 28th October 2025 (Term 4, Week 3)

Visting: Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo

Cost: \$25.00



Libby Yeo	27th August	Staff
Michelle Gavin	28th August	Staff
Adele Stoddart	28th August	Staff
Xavier Cook	31st August	Year 7
Nadine Andersen	1st September	Year 9
Joe Harby	2nd September	3/4
Caden Martin	7th September	Year 7
Maizie Brown	7th September	3/4
Dusty Schrader	8th September	5/6
Marnie Roberts	8th September	3/4

Wishing you all the best for a fabulous birthday!

Community Noticeboard



Wednesday 3 September 2025 from 11:00-14:30 AEST

Carers' BIG Lunch, Mudgee NSW

Parklands Resort, Mudgee - To register your interest, please call 1800 422 737



Community Noticeboard





Community Noticeboard



DOO Events 2025

September 1st-28th - Writing competition- Framed in Time 100-500 words.
Dunedoo Historical Museum Sharon Nott 0428859509

Sept 2nd Tuesday-Mindful Photography 10am-noon Anne Kable 10am-noon
0414769376

Sept 3rd Wednesday- Pottery -Adults Linda Ewin 3.15pm-5pm at DCS (every
Wednesday) 0400714418

Painting Justine Parkins K-Yr10 4.00pm-5.30pm at DCS
0429944766 (maximum 20, so phone to book your spot)

Sept 4th Thursday- Painting Justine Parkins 16 years+ 6.30pm-8.30pm Dunedoo
Sports Club 0429944766 (max. 20, so phone to book your spot)

Sept 6th Saturday- River Walk 10am-11ish, meet at the Rural Fire Brigade Shed
Nott St. Wear sensible shoes and bring a water bottle. Landcare Carmel Bundy
0498650983

Sept 11th Thursday- Heritage Walk around Dunedoo streets 4pm-5.30pm Meet
at the Museum; and will be finishing at the Bowling Club. 2km on paved
surfaces. Dunedoo Museum Sharon Nott 0428859509

Sept 13th Saturday- Woodland Ramble through the Dunedoo Woodland
Reserve 4pm-5.30pm Meet at the Woodlands (Next to the cemetery) Avonside
Rd. Landcare Carmel Bundy 0498650983

Sept 14th Sunday- Tag along bicycle ride 8.30am-10am Fairfield Road. Meet at
the Sports Club. 7kms gravel road. CWC Trail Sharon Nott 0428859509

Talbragar Garden Club at Dunedoo MPS from 10.30am Bring
a plate to share. Ali Mayes 0427682970

Sept 20th Saturday- Building and Maintaining Health and Wellbeing Talks
9.30am-3.30pm Guest Speakers- Angie Trengrove BHSc Naturopathy and
Clinical Nutrition, Tracey Mathews Fitness, Steve Barwick Body Balance, EMMIT
Therapist and Remedial Massage, Prue Duffy Bowen Therapist, Helen Gray
Emsella chair/incontinence, Annie Capare Herbalist, Sharon Martin Gentle
exercise, Belinda Anderson Holistic Care Practitioner and Yoga teacher, Cathy
Bowman P.S.H. (Private Subconscious-mind Healing) Therapist. Sports Club
DDDG Cathy Bowman 0428752329

Sept 21st Sunday-Bowls ½ Day. BBQ lunch at noon (gold coin donation); names
of bowlers by 1pm to commence play by 1.30pm Dunedoo Bowling Club Sam
Abbott 63751470

Sept 28th Sunday- 9 Holes of Golf 9.30am for a 10am start
Leos BBQ Lunch noon-1.30pm.

Face painting.

**Finale of all DOO events- drawing of various prizes and the writing
competition** E.g., Taronga Western Plains Zoo Family Pass, vouchers for
Dunedoo businesses

***Singing** will be happening with the school children during class times. Annie
Capare

***All DOO activities are free to attend.** For most events the food and
drinks are at one's expense or a gold coin donation.

***All who participate in any DOO activity go into the draw to win various prizes.**

***Please contact the nominated person if you wish to know more about that
activity or to book your spot.**

Contact Cathy Bowman for more information 0428752329



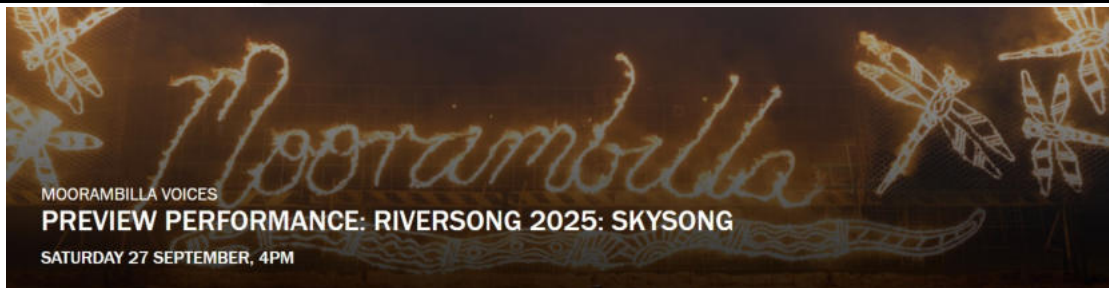
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Doo September Festivities – Dunedoo residents get your story telling skills out. Open to everyone, school aged students encouraged. All entries will go into the draw for the Dubbo Western Plains Taronga Zoo Family Pass and have the chance to win a \$50 Dunedoo SPAR Supermarket Voucher –drawn on the 28th September Family Fun Day.

100-500 – Word Story Competition. Ever looked at an old photo and wondered what the story behind it might be? The Dunedoo Museum has selected the 1911 below photo to inspire you to write a story-fact or fiction, you decide! This building stood at the current NRMA Garage until it burnt down in 1930. Picture is also at front of Old Bank Building as it was our early Bank of New South Wales before the bank building was built in 1915. A copy can also be obtained through our Museum/L

'FRAMED IN TIME' – Can you bring an old photo to life! Drop off Box at library. Competition running from the 1st Sept-27th September. Don't forget to put your name, your age (if you wish) and your phone number. Entries will be displayed along our 'History on the Porch' during Oct-Jan. **Supported by DUNEDOO MUSEUM**

Start getting creative!



Preview Performance: Riversong 2025: Skysong

Due to popular demand, we are offering a Preview Performance at 4pm on Saturday, 27 September. This one hour performance allows audiences to witness a selection of works from the gala concert.

Join us for a stunning evening of song, dance and drumming as Moorambilla Voices presents *RIVERSONG 2025: Skysong*, the fourth concert in our riversong series, inspired by the land and its communities.

Drawing inspiration from the awe-inspiring energy of the night sky and the stories of connection and contemplation from Gomeroi Country, this year's concert weaves poetic music and powerful choreography to express our shared sense of joy, wonder and the fragility of humanity beneath the Emu in the Sky.

In the spirit of Yindyamarra, we come together with inclusion and respect to share this extraordinary collection of works, performed by more than 300 children and young people from over 70 towns across NSW. They will share the stage with a professional chamber ensemble and we are delighted to welcome associate artists from our 2025 collaborating youth ensemble, [Australian Youth Orchestra](#), for what will undoubtedly be a magical and unmissable performance.

Click [here](#) to buy tickets

VENUE
Theatre

TIMES
Saturday 27 September, 4PM

DURATION
60 minutes (no interval)

AGE RECOMMENDATION
All ages

TICKETS
Limited to 3 x tickets per transaction.

All Tickets \$35.00

Please note: Ticket prices are set by the Hirer/Promoter

Warning: This performance contains smoke/haze



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NATIONAL
ART
SCHOOL

Enrol in a Spring Weekend Workshop today and save!

Saturday 27 — Sunday 28 September
On Campus | 9.30am — 4.30pm



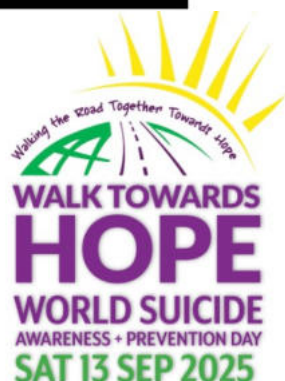
This September, join the National Art School's Spring Weekend Workshops for two inspiring days of hands-on artmaking.

Explore painting, drawing, ceramics and more under the guidance of professional artist educators, in a welcoming studio environment. Whether you're trying a new skill or expanding your practice, immerse yourself in the world of artmaking.

Early discount ends Friday 29 August.

[Click here](#) to

BOOK NOW



A FREE Community Event

11.00am
Gather near Bob Jane T-Marts in Macquarie Street from 11.00am. Receive your Free T-Shirt.

11.30am
Walk across the LH Ford Bridge to Lions Park in West Dubbo.

12.00noon
We will have a short Remembering Ceremony

12.30pm
Join in for a FREE BBQ Lunch

FREE T-shirts to wear for the walk. Only available on the day. Limited stock. Arrive early!

More information Contact Organiser:
NALAG Centre for Loss & Grief
Phone 02 6882 9222
Email: info@nalag.org.au

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Dubbo West
Rotary



We're coming to your community



We're bringing NSW Government services to: Dunedoo Tuesday, 2 September 2025 9AM - 12PM

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- cost of living support and more.

Call 13 77 88 or visit service.nsw.gov.au to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.

Find us at:
Multi Purpose Building
38-40 Bolaro Street



Seasons for Growth Children's Grief + Loss Program

DUBBO | 1 Hour | Wednesday's for 9 Weeks

Time:
4.00p - 5.00pm

When:
Every Wednesday for 9 weeks
Commencing 3rd September 2025

Venue:
NALAG Centre for Loss + Grief
7 Welchman St, Dubbo

**Registration Essential
Places Limited**

To register scan the QR code or visit our website
www.nalag.org.au/events

For more information contact:
NALAG Centre for Loss + Grief
Email: info@nalag.org.au
Phone: 02 6882 9222

Cost: FREE



Everyone is affected by change and loss at some time in our lives. At NALAG, we recognise that when changes occur such as separation, divorce, death, school transitions and natural disasters children may benefit from learning the skills to manage these changes effectively.

The *Seasons for Growth* program is a highly respected, evidence-based initiative designed to support children and young people aged 8-10 as they navigate experiences of change, loss, and grief. NALAG will offering this program commencing Week 6, Term 3.

This small group program of up to 7 participants, focuses on building skills such as how to manage feelings, problem-solving, decisionmaking, effective communication and develops peer support networks. Participation in the program can promote improved self-esteem and self-confidence as well as giving children the opportunity to find their own voice amid change.

Please note: To ensure participants are emotionally ready to benefit from the program, the change or loss they've experienced must have occurred six months or more prior to commencement.

If you think your child would benefit joining the *Seasons for Growth* program, we encourage you to talk to them about it, and then register your interest via the QR code by Friday 15th August 2025.

Facilitator
Amy Welbourne
Counsellor - NALAG Centre for Loss + Grief





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Carer Gateway

FAR WEST NSW ROAD TRIP

Meet our friendly team and find out what FREE services are available to you through Carer Gateway!

20 AUG	Lightning Ridge Bowls Club 9am - 11am Walgett Bore Baths 1pm - 3pm
21 AUG	Coonabarabran Community Care 1:30pm - 3:30pm



Calling all unpaid carers in Far West NSW! ❤️

Our amazing [Carer Gateway](#) team is embarking on a road trip next week to provide information and support to those who provide unpaid care for a family member or friend.

Talk to our experienced team about your caring role and find out what FREE services may be available to you through the Carer Gateway program.

Road trip itinerary:

- 📍 Tuesday 20 August: Lightning Ridge Bowls Club car park, 9am – 11am
- 📍 Tuesday 20 August: Walgett Bore Baths, 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- 📍 Wednesday 21 August: Coonabarabran Community Care car park, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Look out for the Carer Gateway mobile office – you can't miss it!

Learn more: www.carergateway.gov.au



Science. Compassion. Action.

Multidisciplinary Program

Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention – Blended

Audience

Multi-disciplinary:
GPs & GP Registrars;
Allied Health Professionals;
Psychologists;
Social Workers;
Other mental health professionals.

Duration & Format

6.5-hours online.

Format

Module 1:
Self-directed learning
Duration: 15 hours
Modality: Online module

Module 2:
Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention
Duration: 3 hours
Modality: Online interactive Zoom session

Module 3:
Case Discussion group
Duration: 1 hour and 45 minutes
Modality: Online interactive Zoom session

Description

This blended learning workshop aims to increase health professionals' skill and confidence in taking a detailed suicide history and developing a collaborative management plan to increase the safety of people planning suicide.

The workshop provides practical tools for health professionals managing the full spectrum of suicide risk presentations including the acute suicidal crisis, care after a suicide attempt and assisting families experiencing suicide bereavement.

This program combines online interactive sessions, case discussion and self-directed learning modules.

Learning Outcomes

- Undertake a suicide risk assessment effectively;
- Develop a collaborative safety plan;
- Implement a team approach to treatment planning;
- Provide effective management following a suicide attempt.

Accreditation

- 6.5 CPD hours incl. 5.5 hrs Education Activity & 1 hr Reviewing Performance (RACGP & ACRBM);
- Mental Health CPD (GPMHSC);
- 6.5 CPD hours for psychologists.

Optional Activity for GPs – Measuring Outcomes (MO) Hours

An optional activity has been created for you to complete following this training allowing you to claim Measuring Outcome (MO) CPD hours. Further details are provided within the training handbook.

Time, Location, Cost

Wednesday, 3rd September 2025
OR Thursday, 6th November 2025
10:00am – 4:00pm (AEST/AEDT) | Online via Zoom
Proudly funded by The Healthy Communities Foundation
Participants must live or work in rural/remote areas MMMS-7 to join this training. Check [here](#) to see you're eligible.



Register [online](#) or at education@blackdog.org.au



Little People Fun Day!

FOR CHILDREN 0-6 YEARS AND THEIR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS & CARERS

18 September 2025
10:00am—12:00pm
No. 1 Oval, Coonabarabran

Free BBQ, Free Giveaways, Free Programs & Activities
Playgroup, Music, Games, Painting, Local & Visiting Services

For more information please call
Sandra on 0436 644 618

Stronger Communities

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Join our three-part online webinar for parents of teens

Adolescence can be a difficult time for both teens and their families. Anxiety is rising and many parents are unsure how best to support their teenager when emotions run high or everyday tasks feel overwhelming.

The Resilience in Our Teens parent webinar series offers practical, research-backed strategies to help your teen face life's challenges with more confidence.

Developed by psychologist [Michael Hawton](#) and presented by psychologist Ruby Otero, this program is designed to give parents tools they can use right away.

Over three online sessions, you will learn how to:

- Understand anxiety and its impact on teenage behaviour
- Reduce unhelpful 'accommodations' that may be feeding the problem
- Support your teen to face difficult emotions rather than avoid them
- Strengthen your relationship through calm, consistent responses.

Webinar dates:

Wednesday 10 September

Wednesday 17 September

Wednesday 24 September

6.30pm to 8.45pm AEST

Delivered live via Zoom

Cost: \$110pp inc. GST

This course includes an anxiety screening test pre-course commencement. You will be required to fill out two short surveys before commencing the course. You will be posted a parent workbook for use during the webinar and a FREE copy of Michael Hawton's book Engaging Adolescents.

[Register now](#) to reserve your spot and learn practical ways to support your teen's wellbeing.



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**Do you have a health care card?
You could be eligible for Saver Plus.**

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.
To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus
1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au




Warrumbungle community care

COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO

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WARRUMBUNGLE COMMUNITY CARE INVITES COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO COME ALONG AND BE A PART OF OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO

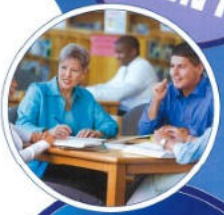
Stall Holders are asked to remain for the entire time.
RSVP to communitycare@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au or PH: 6849 2200 by 27th August 2025 advise if power is required

**JUBILEE HALL
DUNEDOO
10:00am to 2:00pm**

Wednesday 10TH September 2025

FREE EVENT

GET THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES!




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THINKING ABOUT GETTING YOUR DRIVER LICENCE?

Getting a driver licence is an important step in accessing education, employment and health services, as well as connecting with your mob and Country.

There are a number of programs and services available to support you:

- Driver Licensing access Program (DLAP)**
A free program providing support to people in NSW who face extra challenges in getting a licence.
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boat-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licences/driver-licensing-access-program>
- Driver Knowledge Test (DKT) online**
Complete an interactive course about the road rules and test your knowledge online.
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/driver-knowledge-test-online>
- Supervising Learner Drivers – the fundamentals**
An e-learning course is available to support anyone supervising a learner driver.
<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/young-drivers/supervising-learner-drivers>

education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/road-safety-education
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THINKING ABOUT GETTING YOUR DRIVER LICENCE?

RESOURCES

- Services NSW**
¹ [Driver licence support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities](#)
• proof of identity
• getting a NSW driver licence
- On the move**
² [Resources for secondary teachers, students and families](#)
Find road safety information including:
• Applying for your Learner licence
• Buying your safest car
• Breakdown safety
- Department of Education information for teachers**
³ [Helping young people get their driver's licence](#)
checklists and advice about driver education and driver training.

Web links

- ¹ <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licence-support-for-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-communities>
- ² <https://onthemove.nsw.edu.au/families-students>
- ³ <https://edu.nsw.gov.au/helping-young-people-get-their-drivers-licence>

education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/road-safety-education
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